

BUSINESS WOMEN'S CLUB DINES, HAS A SOCIAL TIME AND ADOPTS ITS LINE OF WORK FOR FUTURE

By RUTH MONRO AUGER.

A FORECAST of the approaching Christmas season, the red candles and holly ornamented place cards formed an attractive decoration feature of the monthly supper and meeting of the Business Women's club of the Young Women's Christian association, held Monday night in the down town rooms of the association. The other lights were extinguished before the members were admitted into the screened off dining room and the double line of tiny lighted candles extending down the table gave a very pretty effect. The officers' table at the head of the long table was ornamented with four large red candles in crystal sticks. In addition to the smaller ones, red carnations and ferns decorated the tables.

Following the supper was an informal social time, with Christmas music adding to the pleasure of the guests. The old Christmas carol, "Holly Night," was sung by a trio composed of Miss Ella Beck, Miss Margaret Fraiz and Mrs. A. G. Graham. Miss Greta Palmer accompanied them on the piano and Miss Ruth M. Auger on the violin. Mrs. Palmer sang two solos, "Ave Maria," by Schubert, and "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice," from "Samson and Delilah," with Miss Palmer playing her accompaniment. Miss Auger played a solo, "Ave Maria," by Bach, accompanied by Miss Palmer. In the business meeting, the officers' reports were given. Miss Edna Goff, as treasurer, reported a very substantial start toward the loan fund for relief of work as a result of the recent military concert, which was so capably managed by Miss Annie Callahan. Miss L. Kate Hanley, chairman of the standing committee on social

service, presented the recommendations of the committee, of which the members are Mrs. Lily S. Howard, Miss Katherine Hennessy and Miss Marion Foster. The recommendations were adopted as a whole and will form the basis of the social service work of the club for the year.

Of the recommendations, the first was that the club particularly commend, both by letters of appreciation, patronage and hosting, the firms in which the business men show special consideration for the women in their employ.

Another is to request the business women of the city to avoid shopping during the noon hour, so that this time may be used by the women employed through the day for their shopping.

The club will endeavor to keep a tabulated list of reliable and desirable rooming places that may be accessible to new comers in the city. It will also endeavor to assist the Y. W. C. A. employment department, by reporting all positions that are vacant.

The club will endeavor to provide regular entertainment every month for the children of the Rescue home, the inmates of the Kentucky hospital and the county poor farm.

The club decided to extend its contributions to the new club building, and to offer its cooperation in the social service work that may be undertaken by the Women's club.

The club also endorsed the municipal Christmas tree and will take steps to urge the municipal authorities to continue the tree.

The next meeting of the club will be held on the second Monday evening in January at the Y. W. C. A. rooms.

Miss L. Kate Hanley, chairman of the standing committee on social

Mrs. James Graham McNary will be the hostess at the annual membership tea of the Young Women's Christian association, which will be given Friday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock at her home on Arizona street, in Golden Hill.

The membership committee, of which Mrs. R. B. Homan is the chairman, has been in charge of the tea. The program is being arranged by Mrs. W. G. Rose. The tea is in the nature of an annual business of the Y. W. C. A. who are expected to bring with them as guests all of their friends who are not members and who might be interested to join the association.

It is also the occasion when all members who are delinquent in their year's dues are expected to pay them so that the books of the association may be balanced before the new year. There are no invitations issued and all of the members and friends are expected to attend.

Mrs. Mary W. Edwards will speak on the value of Parent-Teachers' association, at the meeting of the El Paso Equal Franchise league, which will be held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the chamber of commerce building.

An article by Miss Jennie Randall, a woman from Montana, who is the first woman to enter congress, on what she expects to do when she gets to congress, will be read by Mrs. M. Auger. Mrs. S. J. Penning will conduct a 15 minute drill in parliamentary law.

The Catholic Women's Aid society of East El Paso will meet Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. C. Crowley, 1310 Union street.

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Composition Is Most Important To Painter Who Would Succeed

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COMPOSITION is an exceedingly important thing in all forms and expressions of art. It is one of the underlying basic principles that must be thoroughly understood. Composition affects every form of art, from the artist's sketch to the most commercial printing. Its name changes, but the theory is the same. In the fine arts—drawing, painting and modeling—it is called composition. In the crafts it may be termed design. It is the arrangement of forms and masses so as to produce a well balanced and pleasing effect.

The way a newspaper page is set, if it is well done, is influenced by this principle. The various sized headlines, the text, the illustrations, the pictures, the advertisements, all are arranged in a pleasing and effective manner. In design, the decorative effect is the principal aim, for there is no particular story to be told and the problem is simply to divide the given space beautifully, with other spaces of varying shape and pattern so that the whole will be attractive.

In composition the chief aim is to have all of the masses of color and line in the picture lead the eye, by gradual sweeping lines, to the object upon which the painter desires to have the beholder's attention. The human eye can only focus upon one thing at a time, with the center of interest established, and the eye focuses upon it, everything else must be subordinated to it and seen only in relation to it. In the center of interest, the painter must arrange the composition of his picture so that everything will lead the eye to it. As illustration, take the famous picture, "The Cross." There are many figures in the picture, but they are all so placed in the composition that the at-

tention of the beholder is absolutely fixed and held on the point of the Crucifixion.

Attracting the Eye.

Most people would think it is because this figure is so masterfully and so wonderfully painted. So it is, but so are the other figures in the picture. The figures in relation to the central figure of Christ that compose the attention to his figure for as each figure is a part of the modern painting, take "The Stage Portrait," of the "Holy Grail" series by Edwin Abbey, which is a part of the modern painting. The picture is filled with figures, all beautifully painted, but the composition is so arranged that they simply serve as guides to the eye to sweep the eye to the point of interest, which is the figure of Christ. The massing of lights and shades and of colors in the continuing of these figures all serve to lead the eye to the center of interest. It is not a question of accident at all. It is the result of deliberate study and knowledge, scientifically applied.

It is not necessary that the center of interest should always be in the middle of the picture, but it is essential that it is so, because then the picture stays "out." The center of interest, two near the edge of the picture, gives a restless feeling to the beholder; you expect the whole thing to walk right off the picture.

Only Have One Main Point.

There can be no two points of interest in a picture or the eye will wander back and forth between them and settle in the middle. For example, take a three-quarter length painting of a man in a black suit against a black background, with his hands folded on his knees. The hands and face being relatively the same color as the background, give a pink mass near the top and a pink mass near the bottom of the picture. The two dots of color in between. Unless the hands are so painted that they are well subordinated to the face, the eye can not focus on the face. The face is the center of interest, for it will feel the constant pull downward of the hands, the same force, calling for attention. Consequently, the eye will rest between the two, on the much less interesting face that the man is wearing. This may not sound quite reasonable, but it is so.

Judging Your Work.

A test used by many artists to judge their own work is to see if they have secured the effect they desired to obtain. This is done by turning the picture upside down and placing it at some distance away. Then the eye will half close their eyes so that the details of the picture will be blurred into masses of tones. Looking at a picture in such a way is the thing that is really prominent in the picture will be startlingly evident, whether it is the thing the artist desired to be prominent or not.

Composition is applicable to photography and every form of art expression. I remember a photograph of a girl of which a photographer I knew was very proud. It was a profile of a girl. The background was all in shadow and the features of the girl were in shadow. The strongest light fell upon the ear. It might have been a picture of a girl of a left ear for at a little distance that was the only thing that was prominent in the photograph. It could not help being so. It was the only high lighted spot between two masses of darks. If it had been reversed and was the only dark spot in the picture, it still would have been unduly prominent, because it would have been the contrasting one dividing two similar masses of tones.

Clothes as an Example.

This contrast principle is one reason why the average woman or man looks so much better in a suit and hat of the same color. With the same color above and below the face, the face of the person then becomes the contrasting color mass and holds the eye as the center of interest. The face would do this way. Depending upon the person, to a certain extent, it would, but from a distance, no.

Unless the figure is being considered as a purely decorative part of a design, the head should always be treated pictorially as the center of interest. This same theory of balance by repetition of color masses is employed by many portrait painters to emphasize the head and compel the attention to center there, for example, by repeating the color of a woman's gown, in the color of some hair ornament.

It is quite a study and a problem to bear the importance of well balanced pictures. The eye will be caught by sharp contrasts and by the contrasting masses in the center of two masses of the same tone and held there, and, as this is an established fact, it must be reckoned with in the arrangement of any picture.

About El Pasoans.

Mrs. Carl Zahn is ill with pneumonia at her home on Arizona street.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Forbes, Sr., have moved from Savannah street and will be at home to their friends in apartment eight, Alexandria apartments.

CHRISTMAS NOTES

By DOLLY KRINGLE.

THERE is lots of condensed Christmas information in my column today. Each day from now until Christmas I propose to make my Christmas notes still more interesting. If you are an advertiser and want to be represented here just telephone 2125 and ask for DOLLY KRINGLE.

You will be surprised at the number of acceptable Christmas Gifts that you can find at El Paso Optical Co., 298 Texas St. You are invited to make an inspection of the items especially suitable for gifts.

Why Not

Do your Christmas shopping at the City Shop, Beach's Art Shop, City National Bank Bldg.

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If you have an automobile on your gift list be sure and visit the Sol I. Berg Store. Here you will find many things that you probably had not thought of. Everything priced reasonably.

Christmas shopping will be greatly

facilitated if you will always call "Three-500" when the occasion requires you to call for a package for each day. The City Service Co. offers you a Metropolitan service.

El Paso Book Company's selection

of Xmas cards is exceptionally beautiful and reasonable. You should make your selection before the rush. "It's Handy," is the Mills Bldg.

Wouldn't she be delighted with a box

of Lowmy's Chocolates? Put up in the El Paso Laundry will put the box in the mail for you. Phone 731.

The cleaning and pressing department

at the El Paso Laundry will put up the clothes in shape for the holidays. Just send the garments to be cleaned with the laundry bundle. Tel. 124.

A Fountain Pen for Christmas.

This is the ideal gift for any one on your Christmas list. Waterman and all other makes of fountain pens suitable for gifts.

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Cards.

Mrs. Leo C. Hartford will entertain with a bridge party on Thursday afternoon at her home in the Lucerne apartments.

Mrs. A. E. Sanders will entertain on Saturday afternoon at her home on Nashville street, with a bridge party, complimentary to Miss Katherine Harper, who is to be a Christmas bride. The Pioneer Bridge club met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John J. Platt, on Myrtle avenue. Mrs. Herbert E. Stevenson won the high score prize and Mrs. James E. Bowen the second prize for the club members. Mrs. T. J. Stafford won the guest prize in addition to the members of the club. There were as guests Mesdames Roy N. Davis, George Newell, T. J. Stafford, H. Booth, Virginia Deane, J. Johnson, and D. Y. Hadley. The club will be entertained next Monday by Mrs. C. E. Kelly.

Receptions.

Mrs. Gid McGraw has issued invitations for an "at home," on Thursday afternoon, December 14, from 2 to 5 o'clock, at her home, 1299 Hastings street.

The visiting rabbis, who are to be in

El Paso the last of the week for the dedication services of the new Temple. The visiting rabbis expected at an informal reception, to be given by rabbi and Mrs. Martin Zoloboff, at their residence on North El Paso street. The reception will follow the regular Friday night service in the temple. The visiting rabbis expected are: rabbi George Fox, of Fort Worth; rabbi M. Berkman, of Albuquerque, N. M.; rabbi M. Fisher, of Tyler, Tex.; rabbi H. Heller, of New Orleans; and Dr. Louis Grossman, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Parties.

Mrs. J. R. Benton, of El Paso, who has been the house guest of Mrs. George R. Anderson, on Louisville street, for a short time, returns to her home today, Monday afternoon. Mrs. Benton was the guest of honor at an informal farewell party, given by Mrs. Anderson. Bunco was the diversion of the afternoon. Mrs. D. M. Haver won the first prize and Mrs. A. V. Simpson the second prize. A box of correspondence cards was presented the guest of honor. A luncheon was enjoyed after the games served in two courses. The guests included Mesdames J. R. Benton, W. H. Forbes, Jr., Charles B. Stambaugh, M. R. Stewart, D. M. Haver, E. Simpson, John M. Copley and E. D. Moore. Violas attractively decorated the rooms.

Lodges and Clubs.

El Paso lodge No. 289, of the Fraternal Brotherhood, held its semi-annual election of officers Monday night at the regular meeting, held in the Knights of Pythias hall. Mrs. Nellie T. Geiger was elected president. Dr. Bruce was elected vice president. Mrs. M. C. Hempel, secretary. Mrs. R. M. Ashley, treasurer. Mrs. Melissa Swafford, chaplain. Tom Trenchard, sergeant. Mrs. Cora Belle Winslett, mistress at arms; Mrs. Kate Murtie, inner doorkeeper; Frank Loucks, outer doorkeeper; Dr. Bruce and Dr. George Brunner, physicians. Mrs. Ruby Van Nattan, musician; E. E. Van Nattan and W. W. Spaulding, trustees; N. R. LaRock and Mrs. Flora Graves, auditors. The new officers will be installed on January 5.

Out Of Town Visitors.

Miss Mayme Keefe, of Denver, Colo., is visiting her sister, Mrs. L. C. Hartford.

Mrs. Joseph J. Knox has as her house

guest her daughter, Mrs. Frank Hornbeck, of Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. T. R. Hasam is expecting to

leave the latter part of next week for Mexico City, to spend the Christmas season with her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Alumbaugh, of

Kansas City, who have been the house guests of Mrs. Ella Faye, at her home on North Florence street, left Monday for California. They are traveling overland in their automobile.

El Pasoans Away.

M. R. Humphreys, city meat inspector, with his family, left Monday for a few days business trip to Carlsbad, N. M.

L. B. Humphreys, city meat inspector,

with his family, left Monday for a few days business trip to Carlsbad, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Marr are now

in New Orleans. They have been away for some time, visiting in New York City and Washington, D. C., and other eastern points. They are expected to return home about the end of this week.

FACING TRIAL ON 20

COUNTS FOR FORGERY

With 20 counts of forgery against him, H. Fairchild, a soldier, is now enduring an examining trial in the justice court before Judge J. M. Deaver.

The indicted citizen, wherein it is charged that the defendant passed the checks on as many local firms, all occurred within about a week's time. It is alleged, and the total amount collected was nearly \$250.

Wednesday night, Dec. 6th, the 6th Ohio regimental band will dispense music for the dance given by the El Paso Y. W. C. A. at 10 o'clock.

Admission—Adt.

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